



TE AROHA COLLEGE

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**RESPECTFUL
RESPONSIBLE**



**EFFECTIVE
COMMUNICATORS**



**ACTIVE
ACHIEVERS**



**THOUGHTFUL
LEADERS**

Te Aroha College Graduate Profile

'The students of Te Aroha College are our future, they will be confident, connected, well rounded and have a clear future direction. They will have pride, purpose and flexibility. They will seek excellence and excel locally, nationally and internationally in their chosen strengths. They will be culturally aware and demonstrate tolerance, respect and understanding and will go out into the world and sustainably take responsibility for themselves and those who rely on them.'

We are proud of the education we offer at Te Aroha College and our graduate profile encompasses our most critical beliefs in the importance of growing young people who will positively contribute to the future.

Principal's Welcome

I am privileged as Principal of Te Aroha College to lead this fantastic school and believe we offer an education second to none. We continue to innovate educationally as we seek to provide new and varied ways to engage all our students in learning opportunities that focus on personal and educational success. Our size is our greatest strength as we can offer a personalised education that allows our students to individually shine. - *Heather Gorrie*

Board of Trustees' Welcome

Welcome to Te Aroha College - the small school with big opportunities. We are excited at how well placed we are as a secondary school to continue to refine and improve our resources and facilities at our spacious rural community location. Our programme over the past year has seen a complete re-vamp of our college gymnasium on the property front and refinement of our Smart Paths programme on an educational front. Now it is exciting times as we continue to plan for the next phase in our journey of continual improvement. At a governance level the Board of Trustees supports this with policies and goals that align with our school wide strategies. Our focus is always around the growth and development of all our students – about creating an abundance of opportunities inside and outside the classroom so that everyone can experience the feeling of success. We hope you will join us in taking that opportunity. - *Julie Sweeney, Chairperson*



At Te Aroha College we work with our students and community, the relationships we create allow us to work collaboratively and allow us all to be high quality learners. We have high expectations for all. At Te Aroha College we expect all who belong to our whanau, our staff, our students and our parents and caregivers to:

- **Build Positive, Respectful Relationships**
- **Build Excellence through Motivation**
- **Build Resilience**

We have an exceptional teaching team who are committed to excellence, believe in the power of building strong learning relationships and are focused on success for all students.

We value the importance of Excellence and Success and take great pride in our students' achievements. We offer a school environment that is personalised, forward focused, innovative and able to cater for the individual needs of our community's young people.

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We have a 'High Care - High Expectations' based restorative culture and work hard to ensure our students understand the importance of responsibility, respect and resilience.

We work hard to establish community links and opportunities that allow our students to learn and achieve success in real world situations that support a culture of lifelong learning and the development of each young person's strengths and passions.

We have a strong history of success and achievement that has spanned the last 50 years and are committed to offering a quality of education that our families, whanau, town and wider community can be proud of.

Our small size is our greatest asset allowing us the time and focus to know our students well, build quality learning relationships and challenge each student to be the best they can be.



Senior Leadership Team: from left - Deputy Principal Mr Wayne Stringer, Principal Ms Heather Gorrie, Assistant Principal Mrs Samantha Mortimer, Deputy Principal Mr Peter Jager





Subjects	Arts	Business	English	Languages	Mathematics
Year 9	Art Drama Music	Economics	English English - ESOL Media Studies	Spanish Te Reo Maori	Mathematics
Year 10	Art Drama Music	Business Studies	English English - ESOL Media Studies	Spanish Te Reo Maori	Mathematics
Year 11	Art Drama Music	Economics Accounting Business Studies	English English - ESOL Media Studies	Spanish Te Reo Maori	Mathematics Extension Mathematics
Year 12	Painting Photography Drama Music	Economics Business Studies	English English - ESOL Media Studies	Spanish Te Reo Maori	Mathematics
Year 13 Level 3 Scholarship	Painting Photography Drama Music	Economics Business Studies	English English - ESOL Media Studies	Spanish Te Reo Maori	Calculus Statistics

Academic Programme

We offer a comprehensive range of subjects and opportunities from Year 9 to Year 13. We focus on all students having every opportunity to achieve success in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA).

We also offer the opportunity for individual student extension with Scholarship and National Certificate opportunities in

specialist trade and industry areas along with a wide range of other nationally recognised qualifications.

Our class sizes are small and our staff are highly qualified and able to deliver to excellence level in all of their specialist areas.

For students who show exceptional skills and strengths we accommodate multiple level



	Phys Ed & Health	Science	Social Science	Technology	Pathways
	Physical Education Health	Science	Social Science	Computing Hospitality Metal Wood Design	Who am I
	Physical Education Health	Science	Social Science	Computing Hospitality Metal Wood Design	Who do I want to become
	Physical Education Health	Science Extension Science Agriculture	Social Science History Geography	Computing Food Tech Hospitality Metal Automotive Wood Design	Building a plan Trades Gateway
	Physical Education Health	Physics Chemistry Biology Agriculture	History Geography Tourism	Computing Food Tech Hospitality Metal Automotive Construction Design	Refining a plan Trades Gateway Pathways
	Physical Education Health	Physics Chemistry Biology Agriculture	History Geography Tourism	Computing Food Tech Hospitality Metal Construction Design	Making a Future Trades Gateway Pathways

study programmes including the opportunity to complete university papers.

We also offer a comprehensive support programme for students with individual needs to ensure they have every opportunity to access learning positively at every level.





Pastoral Care

At Te Aroha College we work hard to build strong and supportive learning relationships with our students and parents. We welcome parent involvement in our many school events and encourage all parents to be in contact regularly in support of student learning and success.

Our Deans and Form Teachers are a critical part of supporting every student to be successful and are a critical link in communication and building a learning partnership between students, parents and teachers.

Our School House System of four Houses - Aotea, Arawa, Tainui, Tokomaru - offers students the opportunity to engage in healthy competition where participation is everything. These whole school events are a critical and colourful part of our school calendar and encourages every student to get involved with students of every age in a wide range of events and activities. They offer many leadership opportunities for our

students and showcase the best of team spirit in our school.

Our Special Education team of expert practitioners and teacher aides offer invaluable support to students with learning challenges to ensure all students are able to engage effectively in their learning journey

Our Pathways & Careers team offer extensive support to students in choosing the right future path through each stage of high school. This includes the Gateway and Trades programmes allowing students real world experiences in support of their strengths and talents.

We are committed to ensuring that all students achieve success and appreciate that for some teenagers, high school years are a challenging time. We offer a comprehensive health and support programme including on-site doctors at no charge and in school counselling services that are second to none.





Co-curricular Experiences Camps and Outside the Classroom Experiences

At Te Aroha College we offer an extensive camps and outdoor programme that gives students the opportunity to experience our wonderful environment in a way that builds experience, leadership and memories for a life time. There are opportunities for students to participate at every year level with senior students participating as organisers and student leaders by year 12 and year 13.

Sports and Culture

Te Aroha College has a proud history of sporting and cultural involvement and success. We expect all students to become involved in the wider opportunities we offer as we see these as a vital part of school life.

As a school we excel in Volleyball and Basketball with numerous national representatives. We field teams in Rugby, Football, Netball, Hockey, Cricket, Tennis, Swimming, Athletics, Squash, Triathlon, Motocross and Equestrian. We also support individual sports including Mountain Biking, Road Cycling, Tae Kwon Do and Powerlifting, Kayaking, Hunting and Fishing.

We participate regularly in Stage Challenge offering students the opportunity to experience production theatre on a large scale along with regular school productions and talent events. We also offer Kapa Haka and Maori Performing Arts, a variety of Music and Arts events and the ability to learn a range of instruments as part of the wider arts curriculum.





Student Voice

'Opening Doors to Opportunity' - Te Aroha College effectively saw me through my education and opened pathways I wouldn't have followed otherwise. This year, I was elected International Convenor which allowed me to explore my leadership capability practically and saw me organising aspects of the school's cultural representation at student level and ensuring that visiting students had an enriching experience at our school. I had the opportunity to go to Outward Bound Leadership Course for 21 days which was incredibly rewarding as it not only improved my leadership ability but broadened my perspective on life, and made me more aware of myself. I possibly could not have had this experience if I hadn't been at Te Aroha College. - **Nic**

'Leadership through Arts' - I have been presented with ample opportunity in sporting and cultural areas of school life. Te Aroha College has allowed me to grow as a person being involved in three stage productions, both backstage and acting. Some memorable moments were the Year 12 and 13 camps because I grew closer to my peers, which allowed me to grow my confidence and encouraged me to strive for goals with greater enthusiasm. For the opportunities and experience provided to me, I thank my teachers, coaches, mentors and adults who have helped me grow over my 5 years at Te Aroha College. - **Liam**

'Growing Leaders' - Te Aroha College has exceeded my expectations immensely. The opportunities this school offers has meant I could try new things and was able to be involved in all I desired - many sports, stage challenges, productions and school camps. Managing extracurricular activities whilst also consistently receiving good marks in academics is all credit to the school working with me and helping me around obstacles. It is a great little community and the teachers' constant support for all students means there is a feeling of belonging and acceptance throughout the school. I will forever be grateful for what Te Aroha College has provided for me. - **Meesha**

'Stepping Up' - The past five years at Te Aroha College have been filled with new challenges and exciting opportunities. Each day has brought the chance to learn something new and broaden my horizons, which is a credit to the staff here. I have achieved things I never believed were possible for myself and would not have been able to do so without the support of my peers. I will forever be grateful for the experiences I had and the help I was given to reach my full potential. The memories I have made and the knowledge gained at Te Aroha College will be with me for the rest of my life. - **Olivia**

'The Learning Relationship' - Over my five years at Te Aroha College, I have been offered opportunities in all aspects of the school, in sporting, cultural and academic areas. I have experienced school camps and trips that I would not have been able to experience if I was at a bigger school and this involvement has allowed me to develop many skills. Another aspect that sets us aside from the larger schools is the relationship formed between the staff and other students, this relationship is felt on a daily basis and reinforces the tight knit community that is Te Aroha College. - **Sergio**

'Global Citizens' - Te Aroha College has been a wonderful experience for me. They have offered many opportunities that I never get to try in Thailand such as academic, sporting and cultural. I have made many friendships and met many new people. The teachers and staff have been really supportive of my experience here and encouraged me to do my best. I have taken part in many extracurricular activities that I never knew I could do. I would never forget these memories I have made here. I am forever grateful and thankful for my experience here at Te Aroha College. - **Panida**

'Rising Stars' - This year at Te Aroha College has been full of opportunities and challenges. I have enjoyed every minute. I am sports driven and strive to do my best academically as I have high goals for what I want to do in the future. I have played many sports and represented many teams, from my own school to my country New Zealand. These opportunities wouldn't have been offered to me if I didn't attend Te Aroha College. I'm excited to see what the future has in store for me at this school. This is the potential any student has if they attend Te Aroha College as long as they strive and work hard. - **Junior**

'Culture Counts' - My relationship with Te Aroha College began when I won the Year 8 Technology Award for primary tech. The supportive, inclusive environment inspired me to seize opportunities in: sports (camps, cross country, athletics, swimming, badminton), cultural (Musicals - Footloose, The Addams Family, Hairspray, the various plays, Stage Challenge, college band, choirs, etc), and Leadership opportunities on camps and courses. I am eternally grateful to all who have encouraged and motivated me to prepare for my future. These memories and life lessons are with me as I step into the world. I wish my peers and teachers the best for their futures filled with happiness, support and love they much deserve. "Everything happens for a reason, live it, love it, learn from it...Make your smile change the world, but don't let the world change your smile."- Anonymous. - **Nichole**

'Preparing for the future' At Te Aroha College, I have discovered the true meaning of what it means to 'surround yourself with people who care' by having peers who rub shoulder on shoulder, success on success and teachers who help us prepare for the future and what we are yet to endeavour. The deeply enriched positive environment of Te Aroha College has always been an essence to individual and collaborated achievements. Provided here is a broad path of opportunities that circulate around all academic, sporting and cultural areas. Being able to actively engage into different curricular areas with the support of my peers, staff and family has helped me grow and strengthen into the strong adolescent I am today. - **Sven**

'Making Change' - My five years at Te Aroha College have been challenging wanting to reach my full potential and taking opportunities. I kept building as a person, becoming stronger and confident in my beliefs and in my voice, wanting change and helping others. My eyes have widened with knowledge and I have achieved beyond my expectations. Being part of Student Voice and being Health and Wellbeing Convenor has increased feelings of strength in myself and in others, thanks to the support of my peers and the staff. I have come a long way from being hidden to being involved in change and standing to speak about causes that need to be addressed. The times I have shared and the things I was taught will forever be a part of me and my happy memories. - **Sydnie**



International Experiences where Culture Counts

Te Aroha College offers a strong International Student programme with both individual long stay and group short stay options available.

We have excellent support for learners of English and our small class sizes allow students to maintain a strong academic programme.

Our community provides an exceptional level of Home Stay support for our international students in a safe and caring environment.

Our students enjoy our small town and given our excellent location can access many events and experiences on offer in the cities close to us.

Te Aroha College students have a number of opportunities to travel overseas with regular sports and cultural trips taking place on an annual basis. These include planned trips to Asia, Australia, and South America in the coming years.

Te Aroha College is also very supportive of student exchange programmes with a number of students selected to study abroad for up to a year.

Our students are expected to maintain a high standard of dress at all times and wear our uniform with pride. We see this as part of developing our positive learning culture.





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